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This is a decision on the request for correction of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221 (b), filed on December 19, 2005, for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

The instant request is that the application be republished because the front page of the patent application publication includes a material mistake, as Francesco Ribolzi one of the inventors is omitted on the front page of the publication.

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The error in the omission of Francesco Ribolzi from the list of the inventors on the front page of the publication is an Office error, but it is not a material error under 37 CFR 1.221(b). The error does not affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.

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Title

Gas separation devices

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